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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear Commissioners:

Competent Internet service in my area (the San Francisco Peninsula) has relied critically for over two decades on the level playing field for CLECs and ILECs required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The monopolistic power that would be enabled in my area (as, I gather, in many others) by granting this forbearance petition would be devastating to both my chosen ISP and all of the many other CLECs using regulated telco facilities (which in my ISP's case are Ethernet over copper services, very modest space in the telco central offices, shared use of the customer wire-pairs, and small number of fiber interconnects). Without regulation of pricing of that natural monopoly, there would essentially be no business opportunity for CLECs at all, which is greatly not in the taxpayers' interest.

I strongly urge denial of this petition.

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